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VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet
Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
844 N. King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: **Applera Corp., et al. v. Thermo Electron Corp.,**
C.A. No. 04-1230-GMS

Dear Chief Judge Sleet:

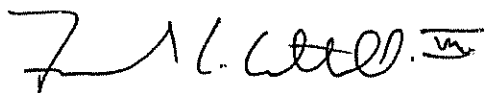
I write on behalf of Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. ("Thermo") concerning a development relevant to the above-captioned case. As Your Honor is aware, the case is currently stayed.

On April 23, 2007, Thermo filed papers with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) requesting re-examination of the patent-in-suit in the case ("the '736 patent").

On December 10, 2007, the PTO entered an Order granting Thermo's request for re-examination. A copy of the Order is attached as Exhibit A.

If Your Honor has any questions, counsel is available at the Court's convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. L. Cottrell, III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frederick L. Cottrell, III

cc: Clerk of the Court (by e-filing and hand delivery)
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